Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church was first organized in 1882 by Pastor G. Runsch; and,

WHEREAS, In the church's early days, meaningful and moving services were held in the personal intimacy of private homes in the Yankton and Mission Hill area; and,

WHEREAS, Although there is no written record, St. John's first church building was constructed at Sixth and Linn around 1907. Seventy-five years and several remodeling jobs later, the original building is still used for spreading the gospel; and,

WHEREAS, St. John's Lutheran Church, located in what is often referred to as the "mother city of South Dakota," has the impressive distinction of being a congregation longer than South Dakota has been a state; and,

WHEREAS, With a membership of around 900 believers, St. John's is recognized as a congregation that is growing in size and in spirit; and,

WHEREAS, St. John's Lutheran is a membership of devoted Christians who are active in such fine groups as the Lutheran Layman League, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and the Lutheran Youth Fellowship; and,

WHEREAS, Despite the progressive styling of the new church building, which was dedicated in 1969, St. John's is an old-fashioned church family steeped in 100 years of tradition--a tradition dedicated to the word of God and the love that He shares with all mankind;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2, 1982, as

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH DAY

in South Dakota, in deference to this fine church and with respect for what has been a hundred century of service to the people of southeastern South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two

William Janklow

GOVERNOR, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

ATTEST:

Alice Kundert

SECRETARY, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA - BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATION - OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT - CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE MICROPHOTOGRAPHIC REPRODUCTION OF THE ORIGINAL RECORD AND WAS MICROFILMED IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COMPILED LAW 1-27-4. IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHIC PROCESS USED FOR MICROFILMING OF THE ABOVE RECORDS WAS IN A MANNER AND ON MICROFILM WHICH MEET THE RECOMMENDED REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS FOR PERMANENT MICROPHOTOGRAPHIC REPRODUCTIONS. REDUCTION 23 ROLL NO. 3
DATE MICROFILMED 2-7-84
CAMERA OPERATOR